



Costa Cruises Awarded For "Best Mediterranean Itineraries" By Porthole Readers

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Costa Cruises (NYSE: CCL) has received top honors in the 18th edition of Porthole Cruise Magazine's Readers' Choice Awards, earning the title of "Best Mediterranean Itineraries" for the 17th consecutive year.

Porthole Cruise Magazine is one of the most distinguished US cruise magazines, featuring editorial, photography, ship reviews and many information and curiosities on itineraries, excursions and life onboard. Depending on thousands of the publication's readers and online fans' votes, the "Porthole Cruise Magazine's Readers' Choice Awards" award, each year, the best cruise lines in 54 categories.

"This award is a further recognition of the great success of our Mediterranean cruises. It's very important for us since we consider the Mediterranean sea as our home, a strategic area where we have been offering unique innovations for more than 60 years. For summer 2017 we have already launched two new itineraries to discover the Greek islands and Balearic Islands, Spain and Sardinia, ideal for those who love sea, beaches and fun!" said Mario Zanetti, Senior Vice President Revenue Management Costa Europe and Costa Asia.

The Italian company can boast a very wide and appreciated offer of destinations in the Mediterranean, which is renewed and enhanced every year. For summer 2017 Costa Cruises already launched two new one-week itineraries: Costa neoClassica will set off to discover the Greek islands; Costa neoClassica will head for the beaches of Sardinia, Balearic Islands and Spain.

Costa neoClassica, sailing from May 13 through September 30, 2017, will depart every Saturday from Bari to visit Corfu, Crete (Ierapetra), Santorini, with a long port call until midnight, and Mykonos, where the ship will stay overnight to make the most of the beaches and the local nightlife.

Costa neoClassica will set off to Sardinia every Sunday from June 4 to September 24, 2017, to head for some of the most popular beach destinations in the Western Mediterranean. This cruise will sail in a different place each day: Porto Torres, the marvellous Balearic Islands, with stopovers in Mallorca, Ibiza - where the ship will stay overnight - and Palma de Mallorca, before returning to Savona, neoClassica will stop in Tarragona/Barcelona, with another long stopover.

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